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following guests are visiting the Legislature, 36 fourth grade students from Geneva Elementary School and their teachers, Susan Rickert, Janet Stephenson. If you'd rise, we'd like to welcome you and recognize you at the Nebraska Legislature. Members, could I have your attention, the Speaker would like to make a few announcements.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Before we adjourn this morning, there has been a few questions, but I think it is the point and time of year where I need to tell you a little bit about how scheduling is going to begin, and we've been doing some of it up to this point in time but next week starts full days, and so it's an appropriate time to talk to you about the scheduling of priority bills and how that's going to be done. Each of you designated a priority bill that was put in order of the time that it was received. Those priority bills will be put on the agenda and will be scheduled in the order that I received the priority designation request. There are some exceptions to it. Obviously, if the bill is still in committee, it won't be on the agenda. Bills that are voted out of the committee are going to be put on that agenda in that order with two modifications. One is that we're not going to put a priority bill on the day that it gets reported out of committee. It will be reported, put on the...printed in the Journal. After it's printed in the Journal, we're going to let it set a day. This gives everybody an opportunity to know that it's out there and have some warning, so you won't see them quickly put on. The other is that if a bill has been opened upon, that bill is going to remain in its priority. For example, if number 20 was up for debate because it was the next one that was available, and number 15 pops out, if you've opened and you begin debate on that bill, we're going to go back to number 20. It's going to re...maintain it. So once you begin debate, that will be the other modification even though there might be a higher priority designation on a bill listed below it. If you're going to hold bills, I need a letter to put a bill on hold. I don't have any problem with doing those, if you're not ready when the bill comes out and you need a little extra time to prepare to put a hold on it. But if the bill has been debated and you want to put holds on it, I'm willing to do that once. If we do that more than once, though, those bills may be passed over and they